

APPLICATION ACCEPTED: May 15, 2013 **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** July 31, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

County of Fairfax, Virginia

July 24, 2013

STAFF REPORT

VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. VC 2013-MA-005

MASON DISTRICT

APPLICANT/OWNER:

Guimar E. Cordova

SUBDIVISION:

Eliza Pinkett Est

STREET ADDRESS:

3711 Munson Road, Falls Church, 22041

TAX MAP REFERENCE:

61-4 ((22)) 6

LOT SIZE:

10,768 square feet

ZONING DISTRICT:

R-3

ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS: 18-401

VARIANCE PROPOSAL:

To permit construction of addition 10.34 ft. from front

lot line and accessory storage structure greater than

200 sq. ft. in size.

A copy of the BZA's Resolution setting forth this decision will be mailed within five (5) days after the decision becomes final.

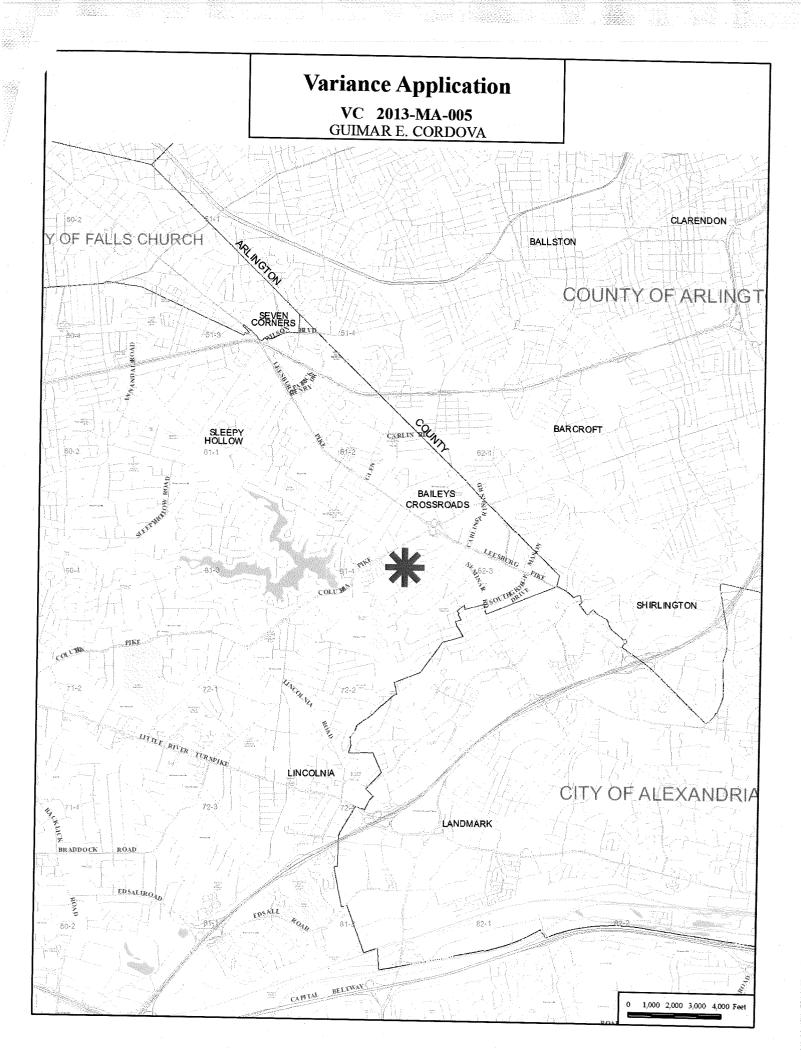
The approval of this application does not interfere with, abrogate or annul any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties, as they may apply to the property subject to the application.

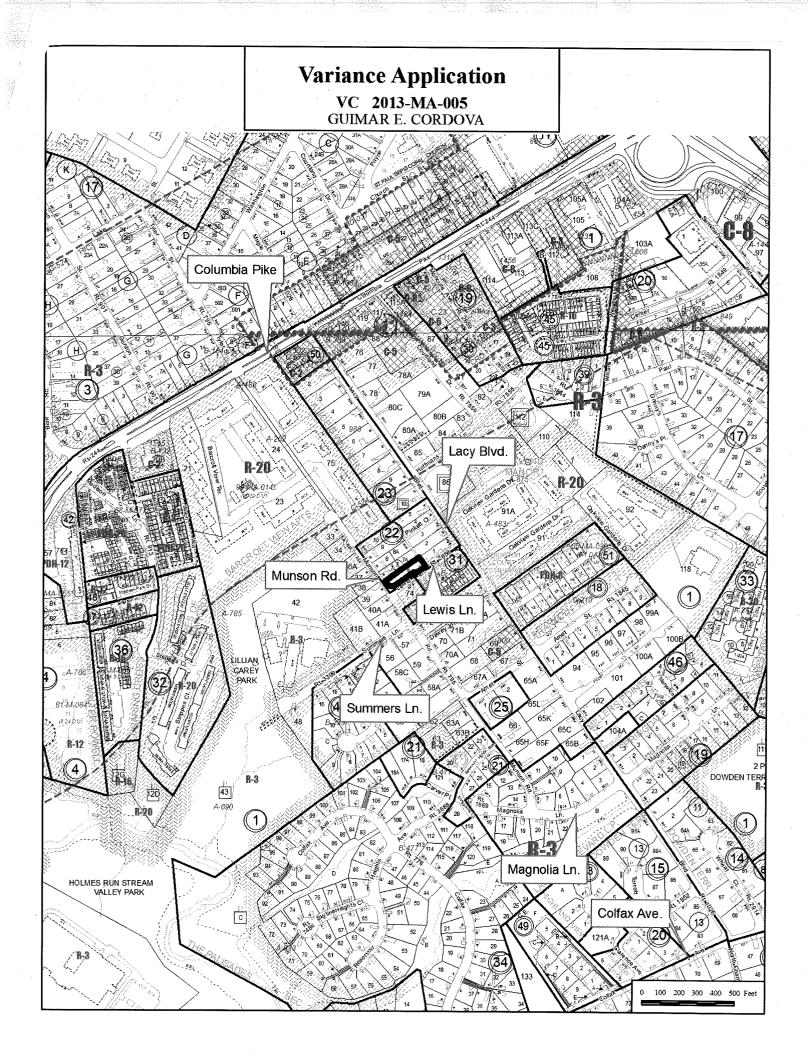
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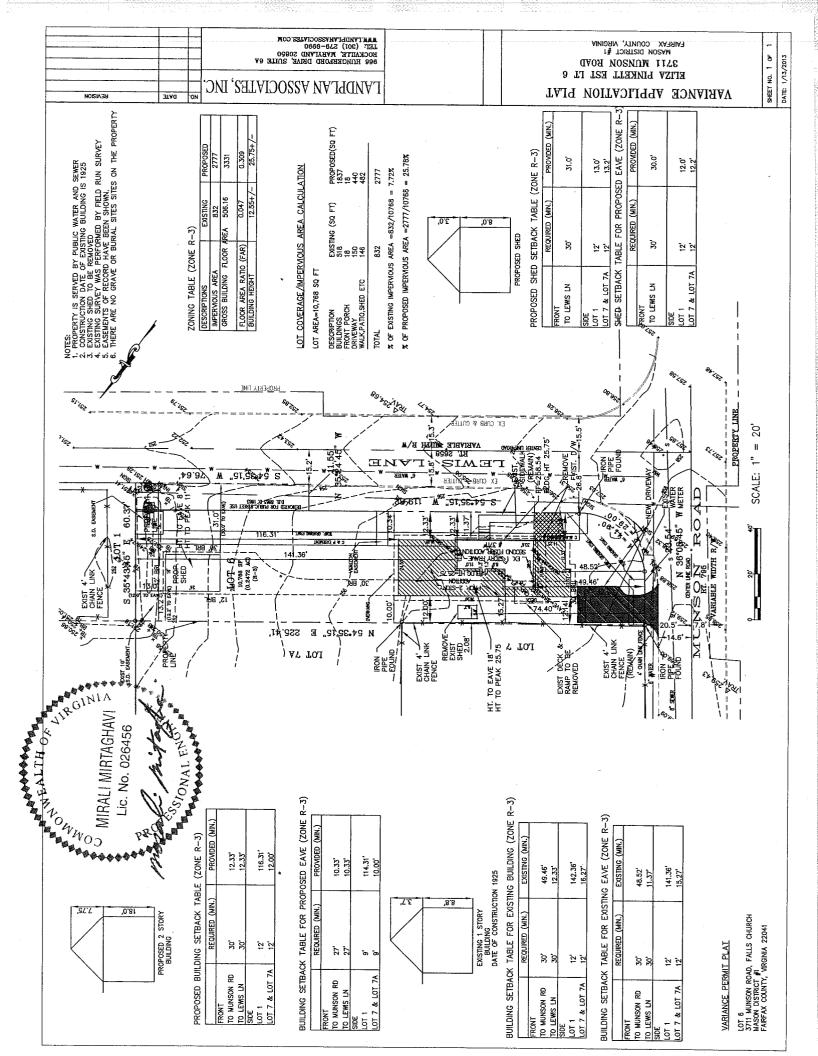
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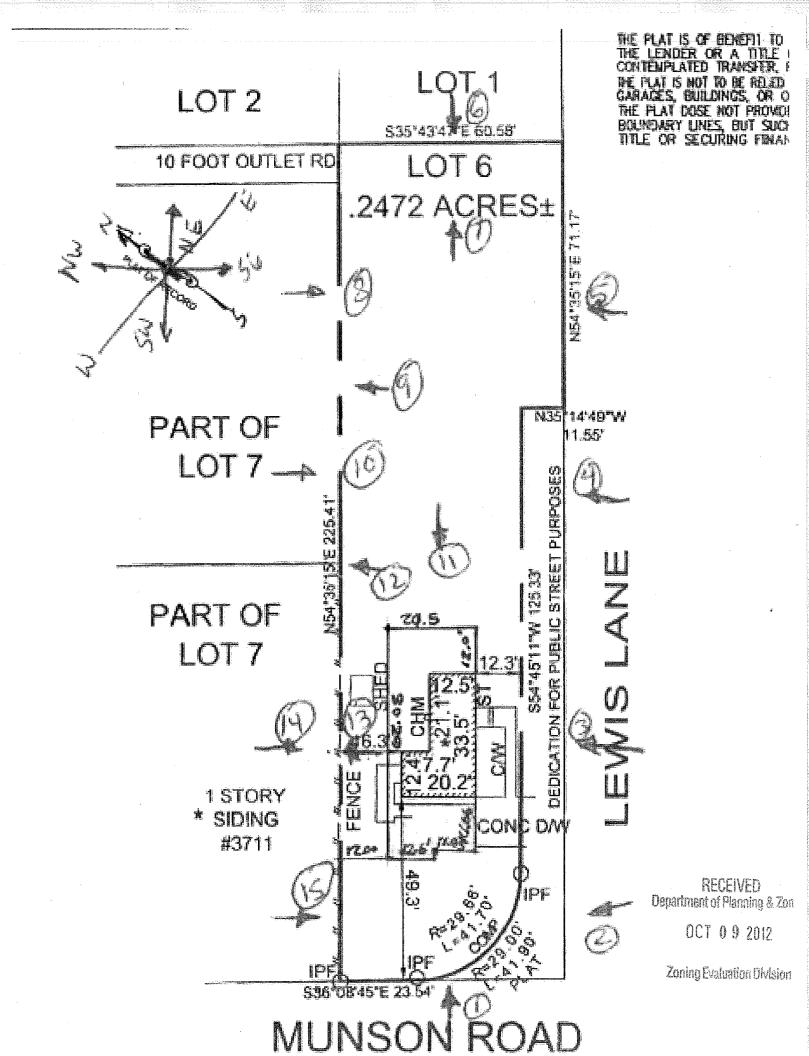


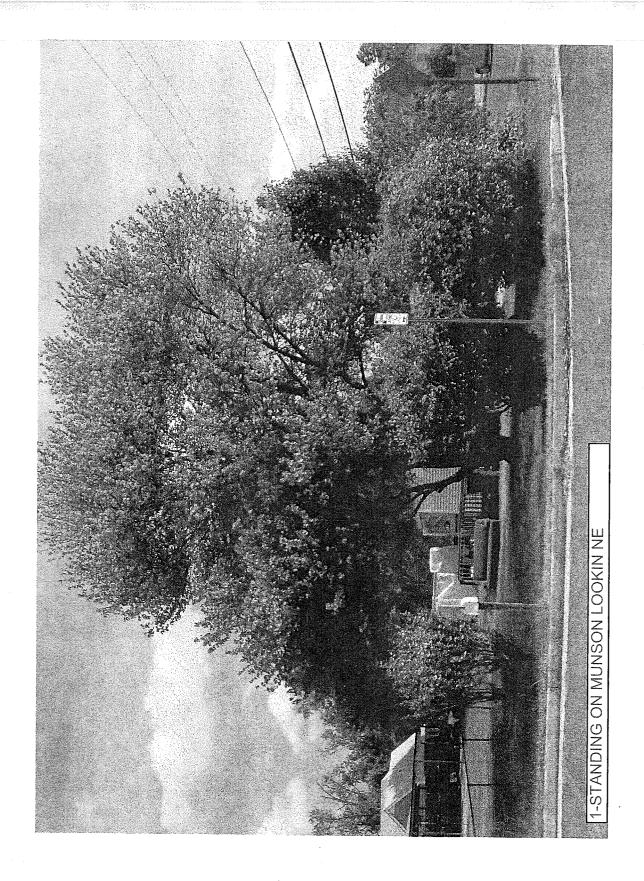
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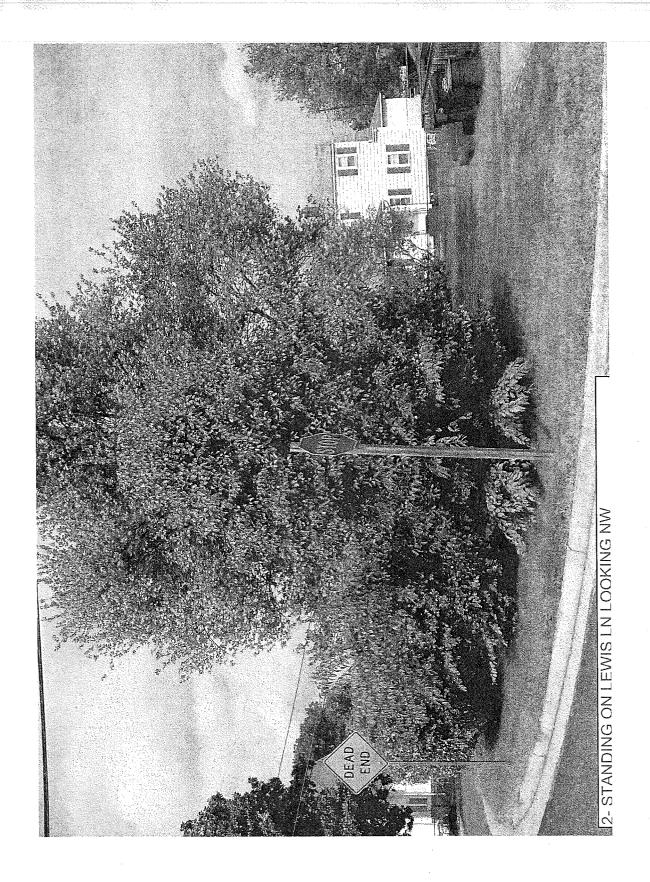


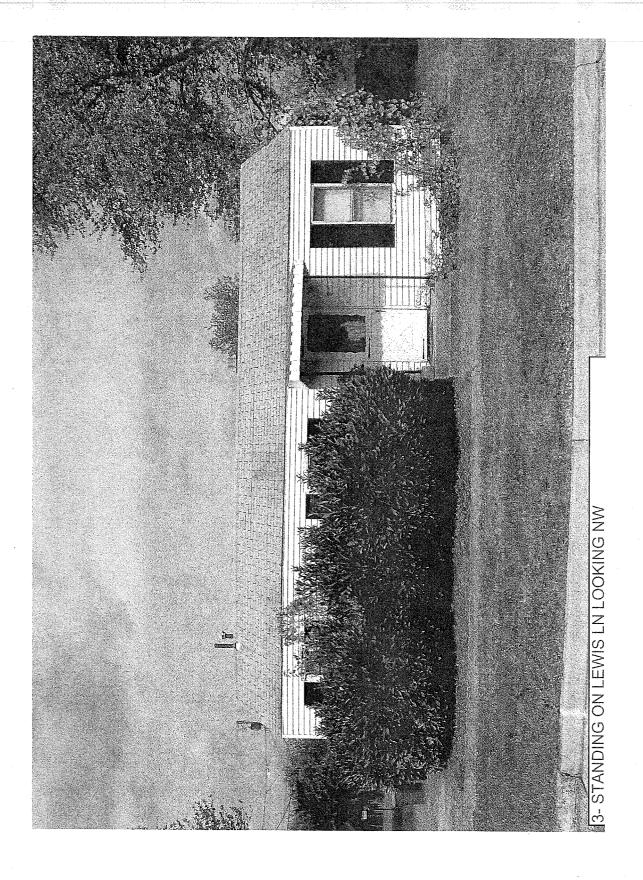


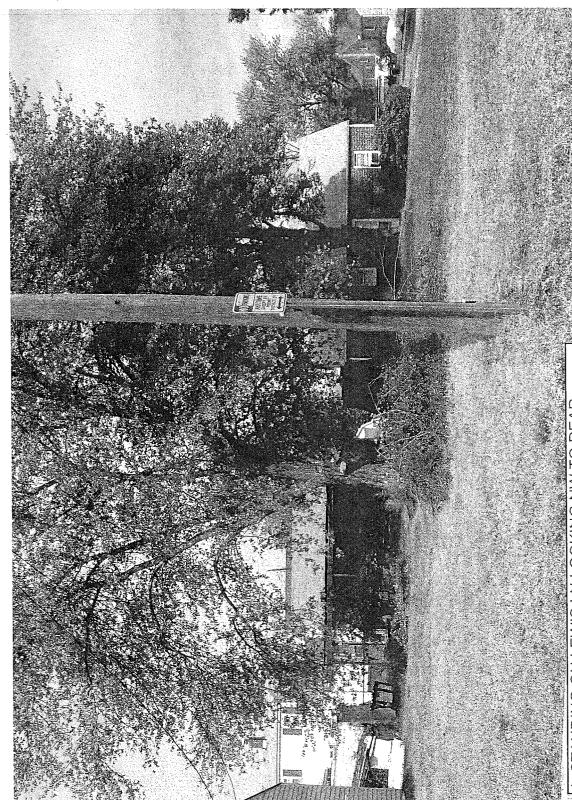




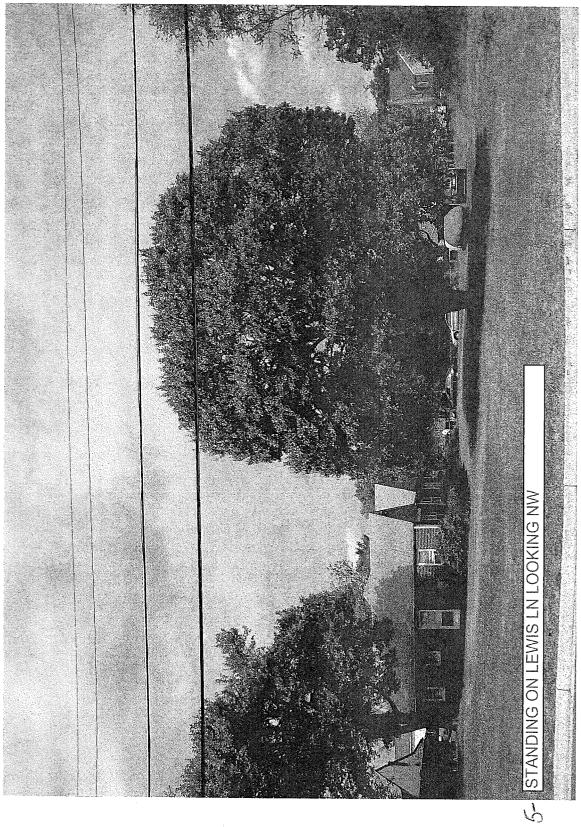


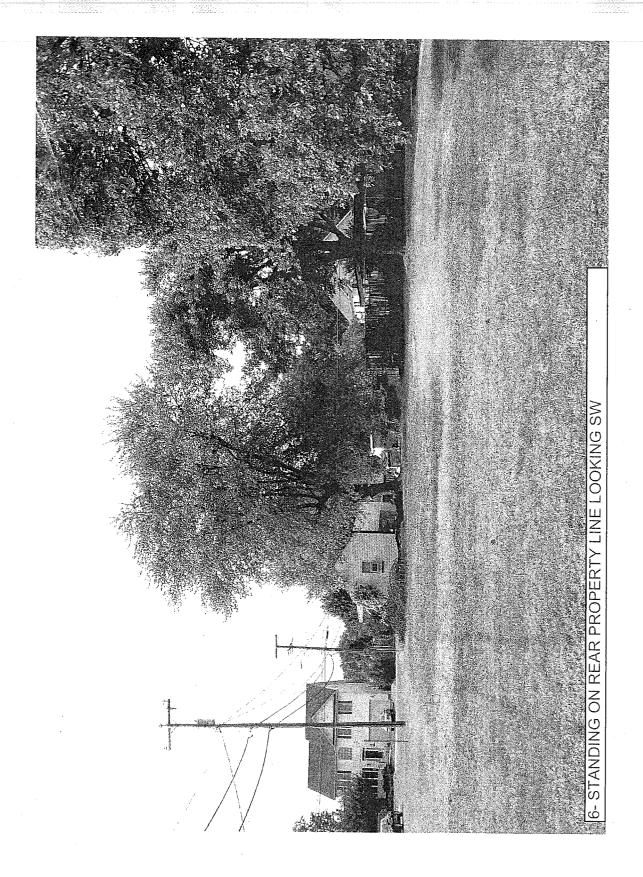


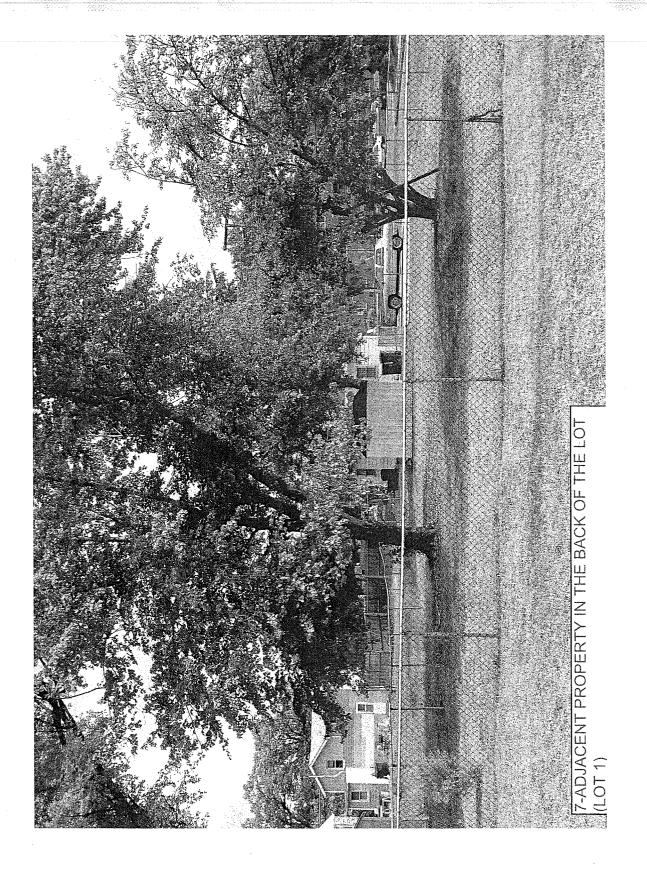


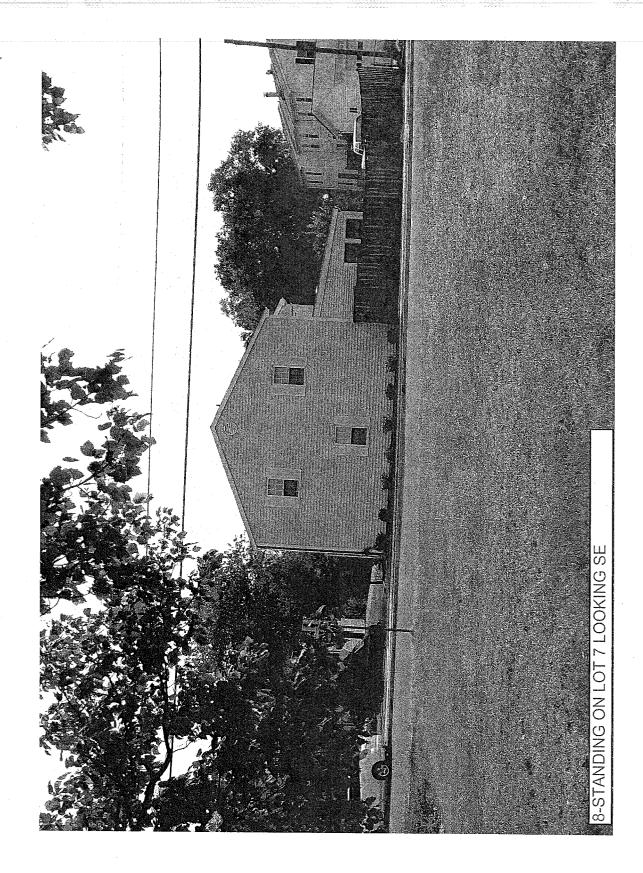


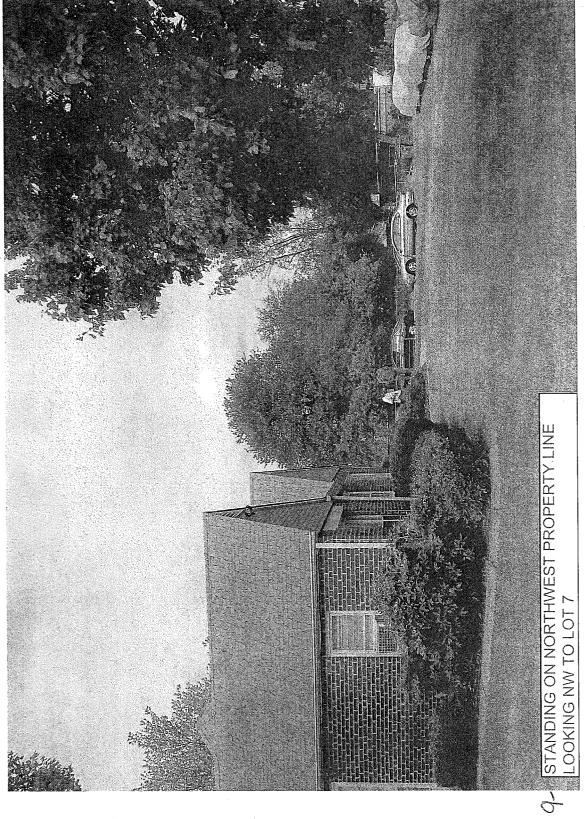
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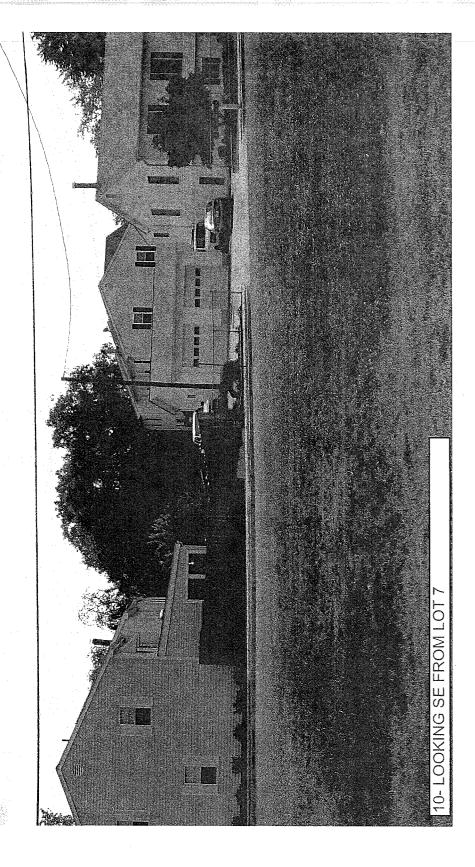


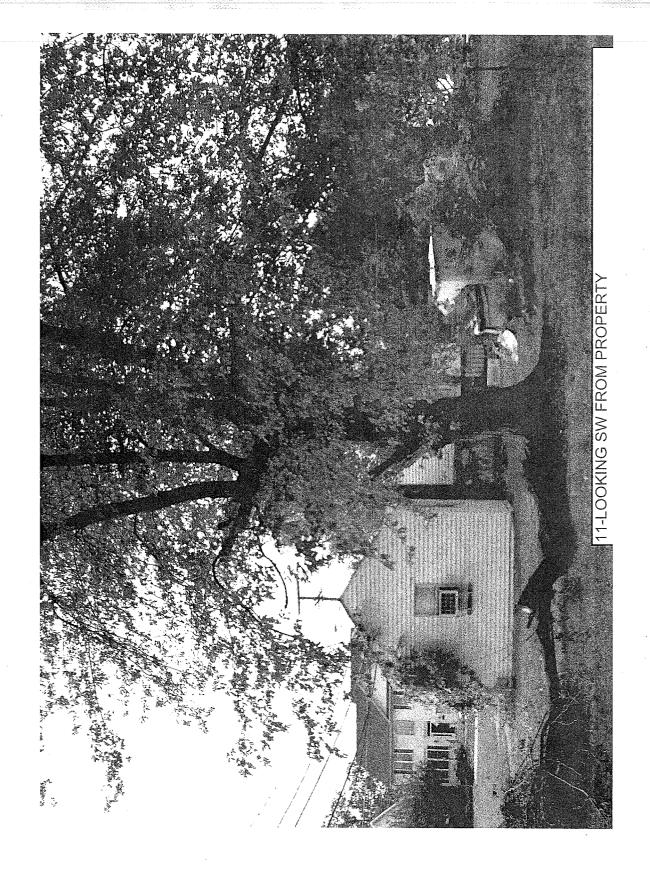


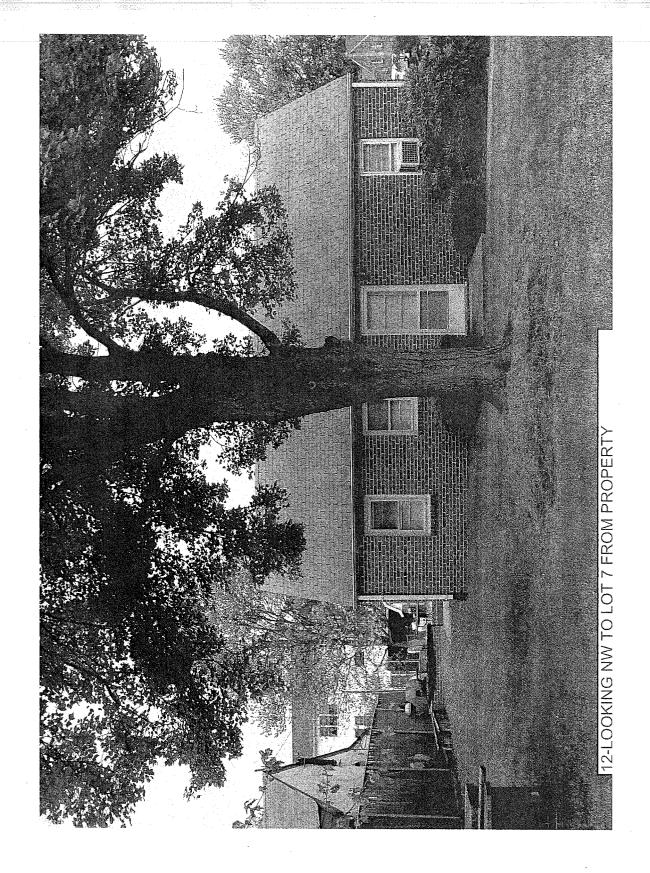


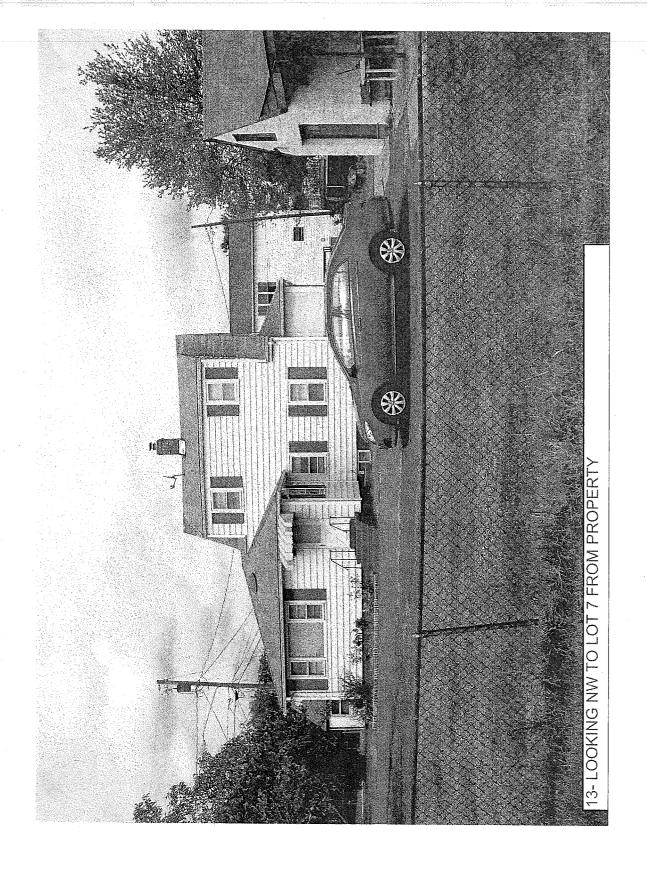


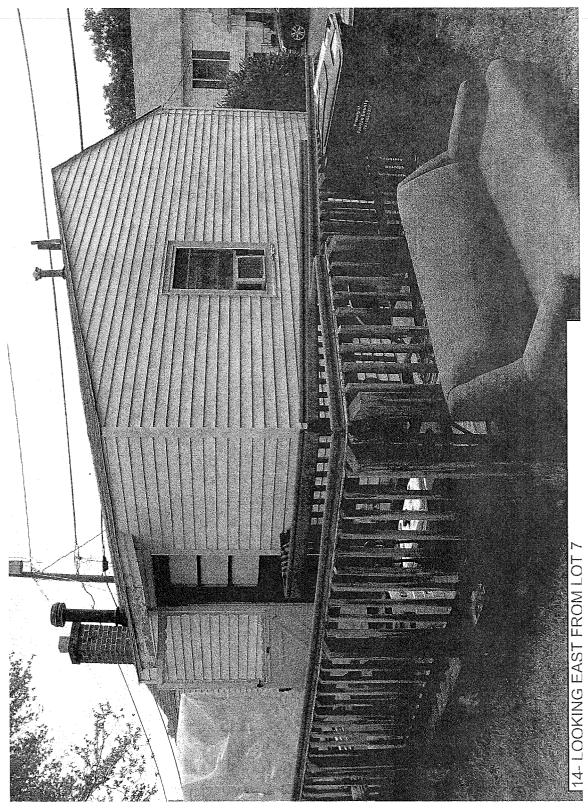


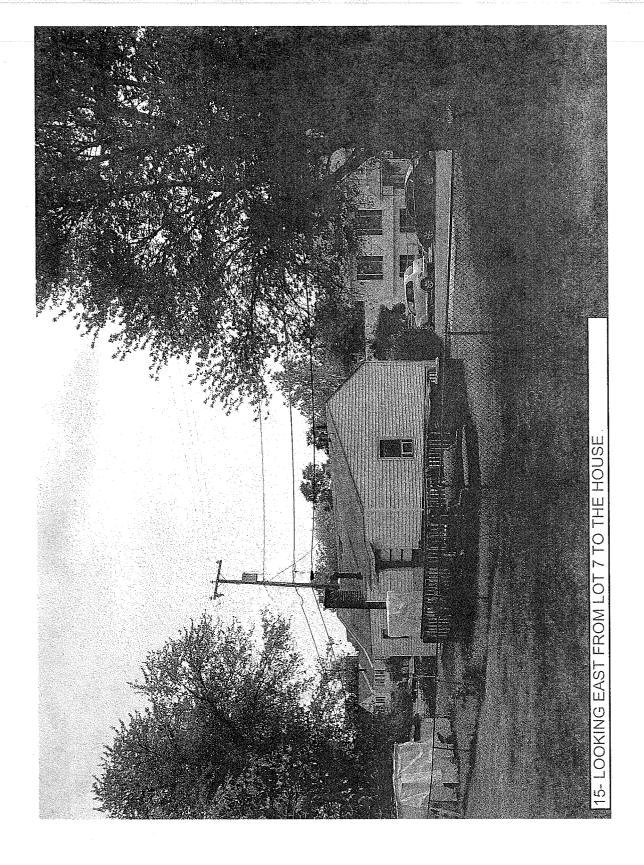












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DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION

The applicant requests two separate variances. The first request is for a variance to allow construction of an addition to be located 10.34 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Lewis Lane. The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 2,825 square foot addition onto an existing 506 square foot single family dwelling.

	Structure	Yard	Min. Yard Req.*	Structure Location	Proposed Reduction	Percent of Reduction
Variance #1	Addition	Front	30 feet	10.34 feet	19.66 feet	65.5%

^{*} According to Sect. 3-307.

The second request is to allow construction of an accessory storage structure greater than 200 square feet in size. The applicant proposes to construct an 11.0 foot tall shed, measuring approximately 384 square feet in area, to be located 12.0 feet from the rear lot line and 12.2 feet to the side lot line.

	Structure	Area	Maximum Area Permitted*	Proposed Increase	Percent of Increase
Variance #2	Accessory Storage Structure	384 Sq. ft.	200 Sq. ft.	185 Sq. ft.	48.1 %

^{*}According to Sect. 10-102.

EXISTING SITE DESCRIPTION

The application property is developed with an existing 506 square foot single-family detached dwelling. A walkway extends from the driveway adjacent to the western side of the existing dwelling. A handicap ramp extends from the existing driveway to the rear of the dwelling.

The corner lot has frontage on both Lewis Lane and Munson Road and currently takes access to Lewis lane via a driveway.

An existing shed, which is proposed to be removed, is located in the side yard north of the existing dwelling.

The lot is fairly level and contains several mature trees, shrubs and foundation plantings. A four foot tall chain-link fence, which appears to belong to a neighboring

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property owner, is located on the side lot line adjacent to the neighboring Lot 7. A 10 foot wide storm drain easement is located in the rear yard adjacent to the rear lot line. A Verizon easement extends off Lewis Lane near the eastern corner of the proposed addition. A temporary grading easement is located at the corner of the property adjacent to Munson Road and Lewis Lane.

CHARACTER OF THE AREA

Zoning	Use			
R-3	Single family detached dwellings			
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BACKGROUND

According to tax records, the existing dwelling was constructed in 1925, with an addition built in 1962. The applicant purchased the property in 2012.

Following the adoption of the current Ordinance, the BZA has heard the following variance request in the vicinity of the application parcel:

Variance VC 92-M-031 was approved on July 1, 1992, for tax map 61-4 ((30)) 21, zoned R-3, located at 3537 Moncure Avenue, to allow construction of addition (porch) 25 feet from street line of a corner lot.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

The applicant indicates they would like to expand the footprint of the existing dwelling and add a second story. The variance plat indicates the applicant proposes to remove the existing driveway and construct a new driveway which takes access to Munson Road. The applicant did not provide architectural elevations of the proposed addition.

Comments from the Urban Forest Management Division indicate that the application may require an infill lot grading plan, which would require the applicant to comply with

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the full measure of the Tree Conservation Plan requirements. It appears that the two major trees on site are proposed or have already been removed. Full comments are contained in Appendix 4.

Comments from the Site and Inspection Division of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services indicates that if the disturbed area is more than 2,500 square feet, the applicant would need to submit a grading plan. It appears that proposed impervious area is more than 18% which requires Best Management Practices (BMP). The BMP can be addressed during the grading plan submission. Full comments are contained in Appendix 5.

The Virginia Department of Transportation indicated the driveway entrance should be on Lewis Lane rather than Munson Road. The current location of the driveway entrance violates the current curb cut entrance standard on a public street, which shall not be less than 30 feet, unless otherwise approved by the Director. Full comments are contained in Appendix 6.

A copy of the variance plat titled "Variance Application Plat, Eliza Pinkett Est Lt 6, 3711 Munson Road", prepared by Landplan Associates, Inc., dated January 13, 2013, signed by Mirali Mirtaghavi, Professional Engineer, is included at the front of the staff report.

ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS (See Appendix 7)

• Sect. 18-401 Required Standards for Variances

Summary of Zoning Ordinance Provisions

This variance application must satisfy all of the nine (9) enumerated requirements contained in Sect. 18-404, Required Standards for Variances. If the BZA determines that a variance can be justified, it must then decide the minimum variance, which would afford relief as set forth in Sect. 18-405. A copy of these provisions is included as Appendix 4.

CONCLUSION

If it is the intent of the BZA to approve this application, the BZA should condition its approval by requiring conformance with the conditions set forth in Appendix 1 of this report, Proposed Development Conditions.

APPENDICES

- 1. Proposed Variance Development Conditions
- 2. Applicant's Affidavits
- 3. Applicant's Statements of Justification
- 4. Urban Forest Management Comments
- 5. Stormwater Comments
- 6. Transportation Comments
- 7. Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

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July 24, 2013

- 1. This variance is approved for the maximum size and location within the building envelope of the addition and accessory storage structure, as shown on the plat prepared by Landplan Associates, Inc., dated January 13, 2014, signed by Mirali Mirtaghavi, Professional Engineer, as submitted with this application and is not transferable to other land.
- 2. All applicable building permits and final inspections shall be obtained for the addition and accessory storage structure.
- 3. Notwithstanding that which is shown on the variance plat, the driveway entrance is not approved. Approval for the driveway entrance shall be determined by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

This approval, contingent upon the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards including requirements for building permits.

Pursuant to Sect. 18-407 of the Zoning Ordinance, this variance shall automatically expire, without notice, thirty (30) months after the date of approval unless construction has commenced and has been diligently prosecuted. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant additional time to commence construction if a written request for additional time is filed with the Zoning Administrator prior to the date of expiration of the variance. The request must specify the amount of additional time requested, the basis for the amount of time requested and an explanation of why additional time is required.

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GUIMAR E. CORDOVA	3711 MUNSON ROAD FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041	Applicant/Title Owner

(check if applicable) [] There are more relationships to be listed and Par. 1(a) is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 1(a)" form.

^{*} In the case of a condominium, the title owner, contract purchaser, or lessee of 10% or more of the units in the condominium.

^{**} List as follows: <u>Name of trustee</u>, Trustee for (<u>name of trust</u>, <u>if applicable</u>), for the benefit of: (<u>state</u> name of each beneficiary).

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	GUIMAR E. CORDOVA (type or print first name, middle initial, last name, and title of signee)
Subsof	cribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April 2013, in the State/Comm. Virginia, County/City of Arlington.
Му с	commission expires: March 31 st , 2016 ASTHA MALLA-PAUDEL NOTARY PUBLIC COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2016 COMMISSION # 7834861

FORM SP/VC-1 Updated (7/1/06)

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

The applicant is proposing an addition to his existing house at 3711 Munson Rd., Falls Church. The existing house is a small one story house built in 1925 and used as residence and the proposed house will also be used as the applicant's residence. The facade will be 4 inch vinyl siding on wood studs frame with fiberglass asphalt shingles. Applicant proposes an addition to the footprint of existing house and a second story addition.

The proposed development conforms to the provisions of all applicable ordinances except for the following:

Applicant is requesting a special exception to front yard requirement of 30 feet on Lewis Lane of Section 3-307, 2A(1)(a) of zoning regulations. The proposed design of the addition provides 12.3 feet of front yard on Lewis Lane.

The lot is a narrow corner lot. The existing house is very small and in order to get a livable house on this lot it is impossible to provide 30 foot setback on Lewis Lane. The current setback on Lewis Lane is 12.3 feet and applicant proposes to keep the same line of setback for the proposed addition

Section 18-404

- 1. The subject property was purchased by the applicant last year.
- 2. The subject property has the following characteristics:

A. Exceptional narrowness at the effective time of the ordinance.

The existing property is a corner lot and the existing home was built in 1925. The lot at the point where the existing house is located is 48.82 ft. wide. Current ordinance requires 30 ft. setback on Lewis Lane and 12 ft. side setback for a total of 42 ft. The lot being 48.82 ft. wide it leaves 6.82 ft. to build an addition to the house. The front setback of existing house on Lewis Lane is 12.3 ft.

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. N/A

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F. An extraordinary situation or condition of the subject property. The existing house is a very small one story house (only 518 square feet).

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G. N/A

- 3. The situation of the subject property is not of a nature that reoccurs often since the lot has exceptional narrowness, has an existing small house and is a corner lot.
- 4. The strict application of the ordinance would produce undue hardship due to the fact the existing house is small and not livable and would render the property worthless and cause extreme financial hardship on the applicant.
- 5. Since the situation with this house does not reoccur often in the area it does not cause undue hardship on other properties.

6.

- A. That the strict application of the zoning would render the property unusable since the existing house is only 518 square feet.
- B. The granting of a variance would alleviate the financial hardship of the property being worthless.
- 7. The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent properties since the proposed house meets the setback requirement bordering adjacent properties. The variance is for the front setback only.
- 8. The character of the zoning district will not be changed by granting of the variance since the situation of the property does not often reoccur with other properties.
- 9. The variance for the front setback of the proposed addition will follow the front setback of the existing house and will not change the look and characteristics of existing neighborhood. The new building and renovation will improve the look of the property. It will not cause any problems contrary to public interest.

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SPECIAL EXCEPTION STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

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A. Type of Operation, Single Family Dwelling

H. No know hazardous material on site.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 1, 2013

TO:

Rebecca Horner, Staff Coordinator Zoning Evaluation Division, DPZ

FROM:

Jay Banks, Urban Forester II

Urban Forest Management-Forest Conservation Branch Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

3711 Munson Road, Lot 6, VC 2013-MA-005

I have reviewed the above referenced Variance application stamped as received by the Department of Planning and Zoning on March 29, 2013.

General Comment:

A review of the full scope of the proposed addition would drive this application into a more involved submission to deal with the amount of grading needed to construct the addition. This may become an Infill Lot Grading Plan which will then require the applicant to comply with the full measure of the Tree Conservation Plan Requirements.

JSB/

UFMDID #: 182282

cc: DPZ File



Horner, Rebecca D.

From:

Dhakal, Thakur P.

Sent:

Thursday, July 11, 2013 3:36 PM

To:

Horner, Rebecca D.

Subject:

VC 2013-MA-005, 3711 Munson Road

Rebecca,

I reviewed the above mentioned application. If the disturbed area is more than 2500 square feet the applicant would need to submit a grading plan. It appears that the proposed impervious area is more than 18% which requires BMP. The BMP can be addressed during the grading plan submission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Thakur Dhakal 703 324 1698



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY COMMISSIONER

4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 July 10, 2013

To:

Ms. Barbara Berlin

Director, Zoning Evaluation Division

From:

Paul Kraucunas

Virginia Department of Transportation – Land Development Section

Subject: VC 23013-MA-005

3711 Munson Road

Tax Map # 61-4 ((22))-0006

All submittals subsequent to the first submittal shall provide a response letter to the previous VDOT comments. Submittals without comment response letters are considered incomplete and will be returned without review.

While this appears to be an old application it was only received and reviewed recently. The following comment is provided:

1. In accordance with article 7-0103.4, "no curb cut (entrance) on a public street shall be less than 30 feet from the point of the curb return of the intersecting street unless otherwise approved by the Director." Without such approval the driveway entrance should be on Lewis Lane rather than Munson Road. The current location of the driveway entrance also violates this standard.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

CC:

Ms. Angela Rodeheaver

Mr. Michael Davis

Ms. Susan Langdon

We Keep Virginia Moving

18-404 Required Standards for Variances

To grant a variance the BZA shall make specific findings based on the evidence before it that the application satisfies all of the following enumerated requirements:

- 1. That the subject property was acquired in good faith.
- 2. That the subject property has at least one of the following characteristics:
 - A. Exceptional narrowness at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - B. Exceptional shallowness at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance;
 - C. Exceptional size at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance:
 - D. Exceptional shape at the time of the effective date of the Ordinance:
 - E. Exceptional topographic conditions:
 - F. An extraordinary situation or condition of the subject property; or
 - G. An extraordinary situation or condition of the use or development of property immediately adjacent to the subject property.
- 3. That the condition or situation of the subject property or the intended use of the subject property is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4. That the strict application of this Ordinance would produce undue hardship.
- 5. That such undue hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning district and the same vicinity.
- 6. That:
 - A. The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict all reasonable use of the subject property, or
 - B. The granting of a variance will alleviate a clearly demonstrable hardship as distinguished from a special privilege or convenience sought by the applicant.
- 7. That authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property.
- 8. That the character of the zoning district will not be changed by the granting of the variance.
- 9. That the variance will be in harmony with the intended spirit and purposes of this Ordinance and will not be contrary to the public interest.

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Upon a determination by the BZA that the applicant has satisfied the requirements for a variance as set forth in Sect. 404 above, the BZA shall then determine the minimum variance that would afford relief. In authorizing such variance the BZA may impose such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed structure or use as it may deem necessary in the public interest and may require a guarantee or bond to insure that the conditions imposed are being and will continue to be met.